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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 01-Jan-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 01/01/00	Previous Week 12/25/99
Bro-Fry	124,759	120,987
Lt Hens	1,582	1,717
Hvy Hens	1,093	1,170

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 18-Dec-99 (Thousand Head)**

****Week Ending 25-Dec-99 is Not Available****

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	19	0	19
Last Week	488	0	488
Same Wk Yr Ago	343	14	357
To Date 1999	22,335	264	22,599
To Date 1998	24,353	352	24,705

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,613	2,544	5,157
Last Week	2,655	1,425	4,080
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,905	1,409	4,314
To Date 1999	125,815	71,979	197,794
To Date 1998	125,721	63,424	189,145

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 25-Dec-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	117,493 (A)	1,694	1,052	2,746
Avg Wt	5.05	3.48	7.67	5.08
Last Week	149,008	2,594	*1,652*	*4,246*
Same Week Yr Ago	106,850	1,428	926	2,354
Avg Wt	4.98	3.33	8.07	5.20
To-Date/1999	7,659,252	105,174	71,875	177,049
To-Date/1998	7,410,831	102,796	63,998	166,794

CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 137.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 118.9 million head or 19.0 million head more than or 86 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending December 18, 1999**

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	24,748	28,791	37,819
Avg Weight	3.78	4.69	6.06
% Of Total /1	27%	32%	41%
Comparisons			
Last Week	27,976	20,230	41,371
Avg Weight	3.80	4.81	6.08
% Of Total /1	31%	23%	46%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	29,338	23,607	41,031
Avg Weight	3.73	4.83	6.08
% Of Total /1	31%	25%	44%

To Date/1999	1,582,296	1,536,394	2,026,932
To Date/1998	1,666,388	1,754,049	1,522,868

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding
/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 18-Dec-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	3,962	44	4,006
Avg Wt	0.00	26.37	26.34	26.37
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	4,551	47	4,598
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,236	35	4,271
Avg Wt	0.00	24.44 (B)	25.80	24.45
To-Date/1999	56	244,594 (B)	1,861	246,511
To-Date/1998	72	255,177 (B)	1,873	257,122

(B) Includes 740,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,095,000 in 1998

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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